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House of Representatives
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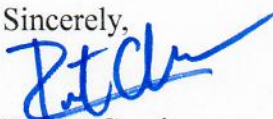
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Community Empowerment Hub at Downey Family YMCA in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, located at 11531 Downey Avenue, Downey, California, 90241.

The Downey YMCA has served as a critical hub for the Downey community serving over 10,000 community members annually, many of whom are poor and underserved. Shuttered during the Covid-19 pandemic, the existing facility was deemed unsafe to reopen without a massive infrastructure refurbishment. The new facility will host desperately needed amenities, with an array of programs to support broader community needs, hosting food distribution centers, child care and teen scholarships. In accordance with rules established by the House Republican majority, the requested \$3 million will not support pools or pool infrastructure, but will restore a vital community space to the City of Downey.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by HUD EDI: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Robert Garcia
Member of Congress